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Mr. James Shiner  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Huntington District  
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Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Mr. Shiner:

On June 18 and 20, 2008, I conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at eight U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects located within the Huntington District. I am pleased to report that no gypsy moth-caused defoliation was detected at, or in the immediate vicinity of, Alum Creek, Burnsville Lake, Delaware Lake, Dillon Lake, Mohawk Dam, North Branch of the Kokosing River, Summersville Lake and Sutton Lake.

However, oak anthracnose was detected at, and in the vicinity of, both Burnsville Lake and Sutton Lake. Oak anthracnose is prevalent during wet growing seasons and is usually concentrated on white and chestnut oaks. At Sutton Lake, 12.3 acres of light to heavy defoliation (30-100%) were detected on ACE property along with 12.8 acres in the immediate vicinity (Figure 1). At Burnsville Lake, 7.7 acres of light to heavy defoliation were detected on ACE property along with 13.6 acres in the immediate vicinity (Figure 2).

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2009, please contact Brad Onken (304)285-1546 or me at (304)-285-1555 before August 22, 2008.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN  
Forester  
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

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Figure 2. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Burnsville Lake on June 17, 2008.

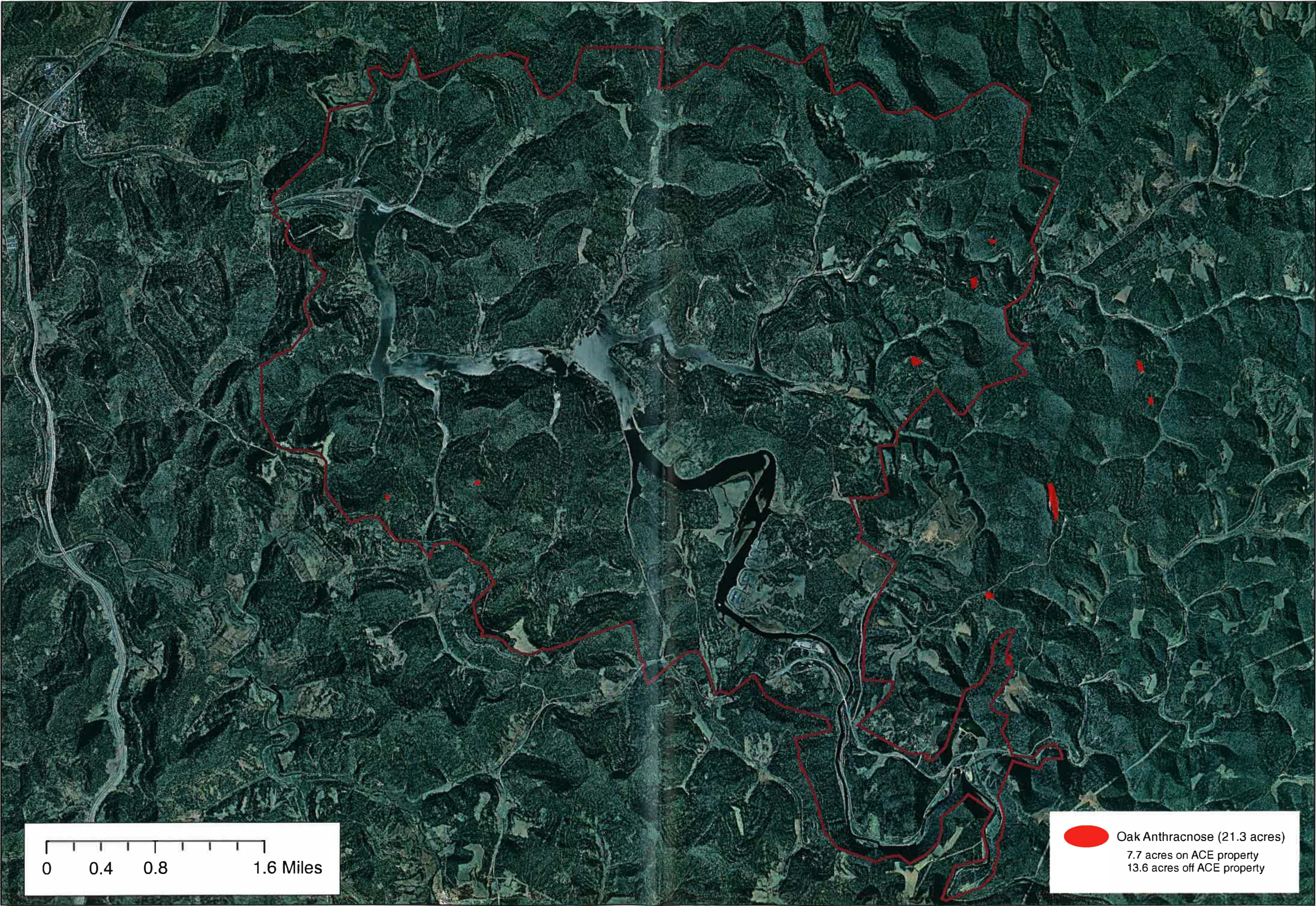




Figure 1. Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Sutton Lake on June 18, 2008.

